

Exhibit A

REISSUE APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. 6927.0001-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application of:

U.S. Patent No.: 5,630,755

Inventor: Michael Walsh et al

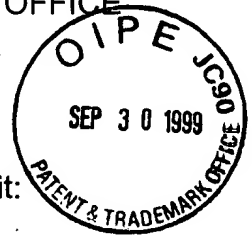
Serial No.: 09/313,335

Filed: May 20, 1999

For: **SOFT COUNT TRACKING
SYSTEM**

Group Art Unit:

Examiner: Unassigned



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Washington, D.C. 20231

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL MCGURK

I, Michael R. McGurk, hereby declare that:

1. On May 20, 1999, a broadening reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,630,755, entitled **SOFT COUNT TRACKING SYSTEM**, was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, which was subsequently assigned U.S. Serial No. 09/313,335. The application was originally filed, as permitted, without a reissue declaration/power of attorney.

2. On July 2, 1999, in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated June 24, 1999, our firm prepared a reissue declaration/power of attorney and sent it (with a copy of the application) to Mr. Michael Walsh, one of the named inventors, for execution. The letter was mailed to his prior known address, 22

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Travis Road, E. Patchogue, NY 11772. A copy of the letter and declaration is attached as Exhibit C.

3. On at least July 12, 1999, July 20, 1999, and July 30, 1999, an attorney in our firm telephoned Mr. Walsh to discuss the declaration and to answer any questions he may have had. Messages were left each time, but Mr. Walsh did not return any of the phone calls. An executed declaration has not been received.

4. In late July 1999, Global Payment Technologies (GPT), Mr Walsh's former employer and assignee of the above-identified patent and application, contacted Mr. Walsh and attempted to have him execute the reissue declaration. Mr. Walsh informed GPT that he would not execute the declaration until a dispute he had with GPT was resolved. GPT considers the dispute resolved and concluded. See Declaration of Mr. Seidenberg, ¶ 4 (Exhibit B). Accordingly, it does not appear that Mr. Walsh will execute the reissue declaration.

5. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

By: _____

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Dated: September 30, 1999